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SUBJ ILO-EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ERC) PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS

PASS COMMERCE AND LABOR

1. ACCORDING TO ADG BERTIL BOLIN, WHO HAS MAIN ILO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING ERC, WESTERN EUROPEAN EMPLOYERS HAVE RAISED NO FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN EMPLOYERS ON COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE AS THEY DID PRIOR TO SCHEDULED 1968 ERC. RESISTANCE AT THAT TIME OF WE EMPLOYERS RESULTED IN DECISION TO HOLD ONLY PLENARY SITTINGS AT PLANNED 1968 CONFERENCE. GB WAS INFORMED AT RECENTLY ENDED 191ST SESSION THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1974 ERC INCLUDE SIMULTANEOUS SITTINGS OF PLENARY AND TWO TECHNICAL COMMITTEES.

2. AMONG OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EMPLOYERS FOR PARTICIPATION BY EE EMPLOYERS ARE FOLLOWING:

(A) SELF-IMPOSED LIMITATION AS USUALLY PRACTICED BY EE EMPLOYERS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

(B) OPEN AND UNRESTRICTED PARTICIPATION AS PRACTICED IN ILO

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INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEES.

(C) PROPORTIONAL PARTICIPATION, I.E. 1/3 EE TO 2/3 WE.

3. COMMENT. OPTION (A) ABOVE PROBABLY UNACCEPTABLE TO EES BECAUSE LEVEL OF SELF IMPOSED LIMITATION PRACTICED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE WOULD NOT REFLECT PROPORTION OF EES IN A EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE. EITHER (B) OR (C) MOST LIKELY FOR DETERMINING SIZE OF EE EMPLOYERS PARTICIPATION ON ERC COMMITTEES. ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN WE AND EE EMPLOYERS AT ERC MAY HAVE INFLUENCE ON ROLE OF EE EMPLOYERS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE. END COMMENT.

4. BOLIN ALSO CONFIRMED THAT GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ILO CONCERNING PRECISE PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSION TO MEMBERSHIP. IS EXPECTED THAT GDR WILL SATISFY REQUIREMENT (LETTER STATING WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY ILO CONSTITUTION) IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN ERC. BASSIN

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